The South 40

Steer sale date set for March 14

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Nominations for the March 14 steer sale should be in by noon today. This early sale is for steers weighing 600-pounds plus.

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There's been a big push towards large bales of hay. It's sure a big labor saver, but costly in terms of storage and feeding losses. Losses can be as much as 50 percent.

Putting hay in round bales when the dry matter is 35 to 45 percent and then bagging the bales is a way to reduce storage losses. The product is called balage. We hope to have a demonstration regarding this method before hay harvesting begins.

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Cattle that consume an excessive amount of urea should be drenched with a water and vinegar mixture.

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Barley grain plus alfalfa hay or silage is a potential bloat problem.

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Cattlemen need to begin looking for a source of broiler litter. It needs to be stored under cover and allowed to go through a "heat" for 60 to 90 days. Broiler litter is a low cost feed for beef cattle. It can be mixed with wheat straw, corn stover or silage. Don't feed more than 40 percent of the dry matter requirements of growing cattle for broiler litter.

One pound of soybean oil meal can be replaced with two pounds of broiler litter.

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Cattle and sheep should have a mineral ration of 2:1 and not less than 1:1 calcium to phosphate.

Watch rations, they vary widely in mineral content. For example, alfalfa hay is high in calcium, while corn silage is low in calcium.

Never let phosphorus get higher than calcium in the ratio. Problems like stones in feed lot cattle and lambs can occur.

Check your mineral ration and be sure selenium is included.

A group of "Feed Substitution 'think' rules" have been used for a long time. They obviously aren't specific, but when feedstuffs are of medium quality, they would probably be close:

5 pounds grain equals 8 pounds hay

Normal hay intake equals 2 to 3 pounds per 100 pounds body weight.

When there is a feed shortage feed hay at rate of 1.5% of body weight.

When there is a severe shortage, feed at rate of .5 to 1.0% of body weight.

Low quality silage 3 pounds equals one pound hay.

Good quality silage 2 pounds equals one pound hay.

One pound hay equals four pounds green chop.

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Additives are still valuable in silage: Add to one ton silage, 10 pounds urea, 10 pounds limestone and 7 pounds of sulfur.

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We have copies of a sunflower contract. It needs to be exercised by March 1 or as soon as possible. If you are interested, stop by and review the material.

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The program "Management in Uncertain Times" should be an excellent program for young farmers and those farmers that find themselves in an economic stress. One program is set for Farmville March 7, and Lynchburg March 13. The meals are sponsored but there is a $2.00 registration fee.

Give us a call 352-8244 by March 1 if you plan to attend.

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The Red House junior bull and heifer sale is this Saturday, March 3, at noon.

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If learning about herbicide use on forages, corn and soybeans is important to you, plan to attend the program on Monday, March 12. We'll take a look at growing these crops using conservation tillage. We do need to know by March 6 who will be attending this program.

THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S COMMITTEE sponsored a "My Farm" contest for children ages up to five and six through 10. Allen Goin was county winner in ages six through 10. Kevin Holt was county winner in the up to five years of age category. Kevin's poster was sent to the state contest to be judged in the district competition. Kevin had the winning poster in Southside District which includes 11 counties. Margaret Glover, Southside District Women's Chairman accepted the trophy at the Virginia State Farm Bureau Convention for Kevin.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

A big "thank you" is extended to Farmers National Bank for their continued sponsorship of the 4-H Public Speaking Program in Appomattox. This week's county contest marked the 13th year that Farmers National has provided ribbons and trophies for young people who participate and excell in public speaking.

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There are several new and exciting 4-H events being held this year. Among these is an intermediate age (12-13) 4-H Congress which will be held at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center near Front Royal, Virginia. The Intermediate Congress will be held the week of June 10-15. Each county will have the opportunity to nominate one 4-H'er and one alternate to the Intermediate Congress. 4-H members will hear the details of this event during their March meetings.

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High school students have the opportunity to win a $250 award in the Sam Golden Poultry Nutrition Essay Contest. Students may submit an essay or term paper on the subject of nutrition of poultry or the nutritional value of poultry meat and eggs. Deadline for the essay or term paper is April 13. Complete details are available from the Extension Office or the English Department at ACHS.

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A reminder of the dates for Appomattox 4-H'ers to attend Holiday Lake Camp -- July 9-13. The base cost for camp will be $50.00 per member. Complete details will be given to each member during the April 4-H meetings.

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One hundred and thirty bluebird houses were delivered to 4-H'ers last week. Parents are encouraged to help with the construction of these bird houses and help the young person to locate the bird house in a suitable location. Bluebirds prefer an open area with the bird house located on a post or pole six to eight feet above the ground. Precut bluebird houses are available from J.E. Sears & Co.

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Strawberry plants will be delivered to us about March 6. Families ordering the plants will be notified when the plants arrive, so that they can make arrangements to pick them up. Strawberries should be set in the garden or field by mid-March for best results. Recommendations for planting, fertilizing, weed control and managing your strawberries are available from the Extension Office.

ASCS Today

Sign-up period is extended three weeks

By TOM CONRAD

Block Extends Farm Programs Sign Up and Changes Summer Fallow Rules

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has extended the sign-up period for 1984 cotton, feed grain, rice and wheat programs by three weeks, through March 16.

Block also said he has changed summer fallow rules so that the requirements would be the same as they were in 1983 and previous programs. Prior to this action, acreage designated for the 1984 programs could not have been land intended for summer fallow in the current year. Other provisions of the 1984 programs will remain unchanged, he said.

Block said he took these actions to clear away some of the obstacles which made it difficult for farmers to make sould decisions about the programs. Also, many farmers have not been able to finalize crop operating plans including financing and lease arrangements. Since producers must sign a binding contract in the 1984 acreage reduction programs, with liquidated damages for failure to comply, they are reluctant to sign up until their operating plans are more complete, he said.

"Both USDA and private sector analysts say that when most farmers compare these programs with their own operating plans, they will find participation is to their advantage," Block said. "This extension will give producers the time needed to weigh the benefits of participation against the risks of no price protection which they would otherwise face."

Block encouraged farmers to avoid a last-minute rush to USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services county offices so that they can better serve each farmer.

ACP Reminders - Producers who have signed up for the Agricultural Conservation Program permanent vegetative cover establishment practice and have not brought their soil samples in are urged to do so immediatley so they can be sent off to be analyzed. This needs to be done so we can receive the results and the county committee can act on the request before it is too late to do the seeding.

Farmers are reminded not to start the practices before being notified that they have been approved. We cannot share the cost if the practice is started before approval. If you have any questions, please contact the ASCS office.

ACHS seniors plan for trip

The Senior Class of Appomattox County High School is planning a family portrait fund-raising event. Proceeds from the event will go toward financing the senior class banquet and the senior trip.

"We will be offering an 11 x 14 color family portrait for $9.50 and we will be selling through March 9," said Vivian Seay, senior class president.

Appointments for the portraits will be made at the convenience of those participating.

For more information call 352-7317, Vivian Seay or 352-7146, Appomattox County High School.

Revival is slated

Revival services will begin at Maple Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, Route 604, Wingina, on March 5 and continue through March 10.

Beginning at 7:30 each evening, each service will have a different speaker. The Rev. Oscar E. Bryant is pastor of the church.

Child's toys can be dangerous

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Baby strollers, rattles, playpens and circular expandable wooden enclosures may be found in a child's nursery and all of these can be dangerous.

The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, which looks into such matters, issued the following recommendations:

1. Owners of E-Z Roller baby strollers, Model 6620 and Model 6020, should call Graco Children's Products to get a free plastic hinge-guard kit. The toll free telephone number is 1-800-345-4109. Until the hinge-guards are received, keep the child's fingers away from the metal folding hinges when opening the stroller for use. These hinges can pinch and cut a child's finger.

2. Some children have been strangled in a circular expandable wooden enclosures. The accidents apparently occur when the children were trying to climb out and became trapped in the diamond-shaped openings in the side of the enclosures. The Commission recommends that owners stop using the enclosures.

3. Regulations established in 1978 state clearly that all rattles must be large enough so they cannot enter an infant's mouth and become lodged in the back of the throat, and that they should be constructed so that they will not separate into small pieces which can be swallowed or inhaled. Some rattles which do not comply have been sold as party favors or for decorations on gifts, floral arrangements and cakes. These have now been banned, but still there are many which were already distributed. Parents must be ware of the potential danger and get rid of any such rattles.

4. Unsafe mesh-sided playpens were recalled in March, 1983, but some still are in use. A six-month-old boy died in May when he apparently rolled into the mesh pocket formed when one side of the playpen was not in a fully raised position. Bassett Furniture Industries has recalled its Candelite and Mandalay style cribs. Please check your cribs and be cautious about purchasing one if you are in the market for one.

Good News For Homemakers — HOME ECONOMICS

Anyone with questions about unsafe or recalled products may call the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-CPSC.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or write us at P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, VA 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Millionaires

1-14 oz. pkg. caramels
3-4 Tablespoons milk
2 cups pecan pieces
Butter
1/4 bar paraffin
1-12 oz. pkg. chocolate chips (semi-sweet)

Melt caramels in milk over low heat. Add pecans. Drop by teaspoonful on buttered wax paper. Chill.

Melt paraffin and chocolate morsels in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Dip candy into chocolate and return to wax paper. Makes 3½ dozen.

Thanks to Jennifer Coleman, an outstanding Appomattox 4-H'ers, for sharing this recipe. Many of you have asked for this recipe.

May 22 is senior awareness day

Plans have been made for the Central Virginia "Senior Awareness Day" this year. It will be held May 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the River Ridge Mall.

There will be exhibits, entertainment, and demonstrations all day to make seniors aware of the benefits available for them in our area.

Any agency in Central Virginia that has not been contacted by the end of February and would like to participate in the day of activities for the seniors, please call Frances Hayes, Central Virginia Commission on Aging office, 384-0372, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Heart association has ATTR progrram

The American Heart Association has a unique way for Virginians to let their friends and family know that they are being remembered for a worthy cause.

A gift through the association's "A Time to Remember" (ATTR) program sends a thoughtful note with special wishes while supporting research, education and community service aimed at fighting Virginia's number one killer-- cardiovascular disease.

"Over 20,000 Virginians will die this year form heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular complications and we hope our program will help honor the special people in our lives by putting needed funds to work seeking solutions to this problem," says Virginia Heart Affiliate Chairman of the Board Mrs. Mary Ann Everly.

Donations can be made through local ATTR chairman, Mrs. Delores Hopkins, Rt. 2, Box 305, Appomattox Va. who acknowledges the gift with a card to the person being recognized which includes a "thank-you" response to be mailed to the donor. Mrs. Hopkins also can furnish details of the program's other components of memorial and get well messages.

Read The Times Virginian Weekly

Calendar of Events

Assembly meets

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

The Appomattox Assembly will meet at 7 p.m. in the Middle School annex. Guest speaker will be Dennis Gragg, tax consultant.

Homemakers meet

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

The Oakville Extension Homemakers Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the old Oakville School. Anyone wanting to join should call president Geraldine Marshall at 352-8093. Anyone can join the Farmers National Bank, Main Street branch.

Weight loss program

MONDAY, MARCH 5

There will be a weight loss program meeting Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at

Band boosters meet

MONDAY, MARCH 5

The Band Boosters Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Band Room at Appomattox County High School. All parents of band students are urged to attend.

Plans benefit

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

The Oakville Ruritans will sponsor a pancake supper from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oakville School, to benefit Linda Booth.

Southern States

spring sale

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MARCH 2-17

Field Fencing

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12-volt No. EHD-71. Fits late model GM cars. #054-10260. $39.50 Reg. sug. pr. $46.00
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Storyteller

MR. HIAWATHA JOHNSON, local television personality, magician and storyteller, visited Appomattox Elementary School Feb. 13 to 17. He enchanted the students by storytelling as he visited each classroom for 30 minutes. Storytelling is a literature form that encourages the development of language and reading skills. Mr. Johnson shared ideas with teachers on how to incorporate storytelling in the classroom. The visitor was the guest of the Appomattox Elemenatry School PTA.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED HIGHWAY PROJECT
ROUTE 643
APPOMATTOX COUNTY

All interested persons are advised that the State Highway and Transportation Commission of Virginia is hereby indicating its willingness to hold a Combined Location and Design Public Hearing concerning the proposed construction of a Drainage Structure and necessary Approaches at the North Fork Falling River, on Route 643, in Appomattox County. This project is located approximately four miles southwest of Appomattox.

Maps, drawings, and other information concerning the proposed project are available for public review and copying in the Department of Highways and Transportation's District Office located on Route 501 just south of Route 460 in Lynchburg, and in its Residency Office located on Route 1003 (Ferguson Street) just east of the Norfolk and Western Railway Overpass in Appomattox.

Any interested citizen from the communities affected by this proposal may request that a Public Hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. T. E. Pittman, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, Appomattox, Virginia 24522, on or before March 23, 1984. In the event such a request is received, a further notice of the time and place of the hearing will be posted.

State Highway and Transportation
Commission of Virginia

The office of the Commissioner of the Revenue will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Saturday during the month of March.

We will assist you with any tax situation, and answer questions concerning your individual return for 1983.

The Commissioner's office urges all taxpayers to file their returns with their local office. The employees in the office are trained to audit every return to vertify its accuracy. They will rework your return to increase your refund if applicable. We appreciate the privilege to serve you. Thank you for your cooperation during the Income Tax time.

The question asked most often by individuals is **WHO MUST FILE A TAX RETURN.**

If you were single (this also means legally separated, divorced or married with a dependent child and living apart from your spouse for all of 1983) and:

	And Your Income Was At Least
Under 65 years of age	$3,300
65 or over	$4,300

If you were married filing a joint return, and were living with your spouse at the end of 1983(or on the date your spouse died), and:

Both were under 65	$5,400
One was 65 or over	$6,400
Both were 65 or over	$7,400

If you were married filing a separate return or married but were not living with your spouse at the end of 1983 .... $1,000

If you could be claimed as a dependent on your parents' return and had taxable dividends, interest, or other unearned income of $1,000 or more $1,000

If you were a qualifying widow (er) with a dependent child and:

Under 65	$4,400
65 or over	$5,400

If you could exclude income from sources within U.S. possessions $1,000

If you were self-employed and your net earnings from this work were at least $400.00.

If you received any advance earned income credit (EIC) payments from your employer(s) during 1983.

Even if your income was less than the amounts shown above, you must file a return if you owe any taxes, such as:

Social security taxes on tips you did not report to your employer.
Uncollected social security tax and RRTA tax on tips you reported to your employer.
Alternative Minimum Tax.
Tax on an individual retirement arrangement (IRA).
Tax from recapture of investment credit.

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